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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 0841

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR MO UK

SUBJECT: LONDON ARRESTS AND LIBYAN BACKED TERRORISM

MADRID AND LONDON FOR LEGATT

REF: STATE 03215

1. IN RESPONSE TELEPHONE CALL FROM LEGATT MADRID
DCM CALLED ON MOHAMED NIJARI, DIRECTEUR DE CABINET,
SURETE NATIONALE, MARCH 1 TO PASS ON FOLLOWING
(REPEATED HERE FOR INFORMATION DEPARTMENT AND FOR
CONFIRMATION OF FACTS SINCE TELEPHONE CONNECTION WITH
MADRID VERY POOR): ON FEBRUARY 21 FEDERAL GRAND JURY
LOS ANGELES RETURNED INDICTMENT AGAINST FOUR PERSONS
(HAKKAOUI, ET AL.) ON CHARGES OF SMUGGLING AND CONSPIRACY.
ONE OF ELEMENTS OF CONSPIRACY INVOLVES TEXT OF LETTER
FOUND IN HAKKAOUI'S POSSESSION AND PREPARED BY HIM IN
WHICH HE ASKED THOSE TO WHOM IT WAS ADDRESSED TO PROVIDE
HIM WITH LIST OF 30 PRISONERS IN MOROCCO. HE PROMISED
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LIBERATION OF THESE PRISONERS AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE,

AND SAID HIS MESSAGE WOULD RECEIVE WORLDWIDE PUBLICITY. FBI DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS LETTER WAS EVER SENT OR WHO THE ADDRESSEES WERE. FBI NEEDS INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED FROM SURETE NATIONALE TO PROCEED WITH INVESTIGATION.

2. NIJARI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION AND ASKED IF WE COULD SUPPLY HIM WITH COPY OF LETTER AND TELL HIM WHETHER IT WAS FOUND ON HAKKAOUI IN LONDON OR IN CALIFORNIA. DCM SAID WE WOULD SEND TELEGRAM ASKING FOR INFO.

3. WITH REGARD TO INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED FROM SURETE NATIONAL, NIJARI SAID HAKKAOUT'S BROTHER IS IN PRISON IN BENI MELLAL, BUT FOR A MISDEMEANOR (DELIT SIMPLE), NOT A POLITICAL OFFENSE. HE WAS NOT KNOWN FOR POLITICAL ACTIVISM IN MOROCCO.

4. AS FOR TRAVELING MERCHANTS LAHLOU AND CHRAIBI, MOROCCANS STILL TRYING IDENTIFY THEM. ADDRESSES AND PASSPORT DATA SUPPLIED DO NOT CHECK OUT. THEY IN PROCESS INTERVIEWING SOUVENIR DEALERS IN FES AND HOPED HAVE ANSWER BY END OF NEXT WEEK. HE POINTED OUT THAT NAME CHRAIBI VERY COMMON.

5. COMMENT: WE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT, GIVEN HIGH LEVEL INTEREST IN THIS CASE, FBI HEADQUARTERS DID NOT MOVE MORE QUICKLY TO INFORM US AND MOROCCANS OF GRAND JURY INDICTMENT, WHICH WE LEARNED OF ONLY THROUGH READING PRESS. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE TO SEND US CLASSIFIED TELEGRAM FROM WASHINGTON WITH DETAILS WE ARE TO PASS TO MOROCCANS, RATHER THAN RELYING ON TELEPHONE CALL FROM MADRID, GIVEN UNSATISFACTORY NATURE THAT CONNECTION. FOREIGN MINISTER HAS RAISED THIS MATTER WITH ME PERSONALLY, AND WE NEED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO MOROCCANS AND GIVE THEM EVERYTHING WE HAVE AS SOON AS WE HAVE IT.
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